

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 27, of page 11 and continuing on to page 12 with the following amended paragraph:**

In the HDD gasket of the present invention, the ratio ( $h/w$ ) of the height ( $h$ ) of the gasket to the line width ( $w$ ) thereof on its joint surface to the cover member is preferably in the range of 0.8 to 3.0 and more preferably more than 0.8 in a 80% or more portion and preferably an entire portion of the gasket. When the ratio ( $h/w$ ) is 0.8 or more, the effects of the present invention can be sufficiently achieved. ~~On the other hand~~ Further, when the ratio ( $h/w$ ) is 3.0 or lower, the obtained gasket tends to become uncollapsible when compressed and, therefore, is free from sealing problems.